**Scam in Import of Pulses**

102. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scam amounting to Rs. 7.72 crores in State Trading Corporation (STC) relating to import of pulses;

(b) if so, is it due to procedural discrepancies or vested interest of some STC officials;

(c) whether investigations have been launched and the culprits books and suitably punished;

(d) whether similar scams occurred during 2004 and 2005 with similar *modus-operandi;* and

(e) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) Since the matter is under investigation by CBI, till CBI gives its findings, no conclusions can be drawn regarding the propriety of the actions of STC or some of its officials. As far as reimbursement of losses is concerned, Government had provided for the same only during 2007 and not during the earlier periods.

**Export of Iron Ore**

103. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of exports of iron ore to the respective importing countries, including China, during the last three years, indicating value and revenue on account of duty/cess levied on these imports;

(b) the details of volume of coal imported from various countries showing annual volume, percentage of total imports and duty levied by respective importing countries, including China;

(c) whether import of fruits and vegetables from India stands barred/restricted in various countries, including China;

(d) whether the issue was discussed during his recent visit to China in the Prime Minister's delegation; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Statement indicating quantity and value of iron ore exported during the last three years, country-wise is at Statement-I. (*see* below) Information regarding details of revenue on account of duty/cess levied on these imports is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The details of imports of coal by India during the last three years is at Statement-II. (*see* below) Duty levied by respective countries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) India is exporting fruits and vegetables to several countries in the world. Certain countries like Australia and New Zealand have restricted import of Indian Fruits and vegetables on sanitary and phytosanitary issues. As regards China, phytosanitary agreements between India and China are already operational for mangoes, grapes and bitter gourd. Discussions are already under progress for removing restriction on market access for another 14 fruits.

(d) and (e) Issues of bilateral trade concern, including market access for Indian fruits and vegetables in China were raised in talks by the Commerce and Industry Minister with the Chinese Minister of Commerce in January 2008. In the meeting, the Chinese Minister indicated that China would soon send a 'buying mission' to India to increase imports from India.

***Statement-I***

*Country-wise quantity and value of iron ore exported during the last three years*

Country-wise Iron Ore Exports

*(Quantity in Million Tonnes; Value Rs. Crores)*

| | 2004-05 | | 2005-06 (Prov) | | 2006-07 (Prov) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COUNTRY | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| China | 59.40 | 11,132.69 | 74.13 | 15,186.31 | 80.16 | 16,609.22 |
| Japan | 11.13 | 1,128.00 | 10.33 | 1,506.18 | 8.63 | 1,492.42 |
| S Korea | 2.18 | 397.60 | 1.32 | 158.18 | 1.91 | 280.64 |
| Taiwan | 0.61 | 111.25 | 0.14 | 15.88 | - | 0.02 |
| Europe | 2.89 | 527.09 | 2.10 | 350.28 | 2.07 | 303.22 |
| Others | 1.94 | 353.83 | 1.25 | 158.17 | 1.02 | 150.57 |
| TOTAL | 78.15 | 13,650.46 | 89.27 | 17,375.00 | 93.79 | 18,836.09 |

Source: Quantity — Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association (GMOEA), Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL), National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), MMTC Limited and Private Exporters.

Value - Values are estimates based on the quantities and price trend during the years and information by GMOEA KIOCL AND MMTC.

***Statement-II***

*The details of coal imported by India during last three years*

Country-wise import of Steam Coal

Qty . MT

| Name of Country | 2004-05 | | 2005-06 (Prov) | | 2006-07 (Prov) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India |
| Australia | 54906 | 0 587 | 188750 | 1 109 | | |
| Chile | 121900 | 1 303 | | | | |
| China | 1040203 | 11 119 | 1866537 | 10 963 | 3118216 | 15 735 |
| Indonesia | 7646023 | 81 728 | 12766988 | 74 987 | 14950984 | 75 442 |
| Singapore | 5000 | 0 054 | | | 466 | 0 003 |
| South Africa | 456966 | 4 884 | 2154259 | 12 653 | 1747605 | 8 19 |
| Switzerland | 5653 | 0 060 | | | | |
| UAE | 1562 | 0 017 | | | | |
| Mozambique | | | 44108 | 0 260 | | |
| Vietnam | | | 5080 | 0 030 | | |
| Italy | | | | | 480 | 0 003 |
| USA | | | | | 100 | 0 001 |
| Unspecified | 23240 | 0 248 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 9355453 | | 17025722 | | 19817851 | |

Country-wise Import of Anthracite Coal

*Qty MT*

| Name of Country | 2004-05 | | 2005-06 | | 2006-07 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports | Annual Volume (MT) | % of Total Imports |
| Australia | 5000 | 1 528 | | | | |
| China | 82098 | 25 095 | 5950 | 3 200 | 26558 | 6 702 |
| Germany | 61 | 0 019 | 162 | 0 087 | 37 | 0 010 |
| Indonesia | 28000 | 8 559 | 17865 | 9 607 | | |
| Japan | | | 52 | 0 028 | 26 | 0 006 |
| Netherlands | | | | | 71 | 0 018 |
| Russia | | | | | 50200 | 12 670 |
| Saudi Arabia | | | 3 | 0 002 | | |
| South Africa | 9090 | 2 779 | 46545 | 25 031 | 15239 | 3 846 |
| Thailand | 59 | 0 018 | 39 | 0 021 | 20 | 0 005 |
| UK | 142 | 0 382 | 9 | 0 006 | 100 | 0 025 |
| Vietnam | 202698 | 61 960 | 115328 | 62 020 | 304018 | 76 720 |
| TOTAL | 327148 | | 185953 | | 396269 | |

## Country-wise Import of Bituminous Coal

QTY: MT

| Name of Country | 2004-05 Annual Volume (MT) | 2004-05 % of Total Imports | 2005-06 Annual Volume (MT) | 2005-06 % of Total Imports | 2006-07 Annual Volume (MT) | 2006-07 % of Total Imports |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 20 | 100 | 20 | 100 | 156 | 100 |
| Total | 20 | | 20 | | 156 | |

## Country-wise Import of Coking Coal

QTY: MT

| Name of Country | 2004-05 Annual Volume (MT) | 2004-05 % of Total Imports | 2005-06 Annual Volume (MT) | 2005-06 % of Total Imports | 2006-07 Annual Volume (MT) | 2006-07 % of Total Imports |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argentina | 24010 | 0.142 | | | | |
| Australia | 14043454 | 82.977 | 13972584 | 82.721 | 15325232 | 85.726 |
| Canada | 48293 | 0.285 | | | 42633 | 0.239 |
| China | 877411 | 5.185 | 905623 | 5.362 | 545392 | 3.051 |
| Columbia | | | | | 119 | 0.001 |
| Indonesia | 213502 | 1.262 | 318926 | 1.888 | 137305 | 0.769 |
| Morocco | 5000 | 0.296 | | | | |
| Netherlands | 19860 | 0.118 | | | | |
| New Zealand | 437381 | 0.026 | 606411 | 3.590 | 692210 | 3.872 |
| Poland | 45000 | 0.266 | | | | |
| Russia | 188459 | 1.114 | 44748 | 0.265 | | |
| South Africa | 83443 | 0.494 | 21000 | 0.125 | 287115 | 1.606 |
| Switzerland | 13913 | 0.083 | | | | |
| Taiwan | 100000 | 0.591 | | | | |
| Ukraine | 19702 | 0.117 | | | | |
| Vietnam | 7150 | 0.043 | | | | |
| USA | 770490 | 4.553 | 1022091 | 6.051 | 842158 | 4.711 |
| Unspecified | 27500 | 0.163 | | | 5000 | 0.028 |
| Total: | 16924568 | | 16891383 | | 17877164 | |

## Country-wise Import of other Coal

QTY: MT

| Name of Country | 2004-05 Annual Volume (MT) | 2004-05 % of Total Imports | 2005-06 Annual Volume (MT) | 2005-06 % of Total Imports | 2006-07 Annual Volume (MT) | 2006-07 % of Total Imports |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 249495 | 10.651 | 203595 | 4.542 | 90 | 100 |
| Cnile | 2000 | 0.085 | | | | |
| China | 468200 | 20.000 | 302869 | 6.756 | | |
| Columbia | 38811 | 1.657 | | | | |
| Indonesia | 1532962 | 65.434 | 2954204 | 65.900 | | |
| Russia | 21327 | 0.911 | | | | |
| Singapore | 15 | 0.001 | | | | |
| South Africa | 6661 | 0.284 | 1022200 | 22.803 | | |
| USA | 1500 | 0.065 | 2 | 0.001 | | |
| Unspecified | 21800 | 0.931 | | | | |
| Total: | 2342771 | | 4482870 | | 90 | |